

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common 4001-Capitol Hill Antiques/4003-Ferro's Barbershop

2. Location

street & number 4001-4003 34th Street not for publicationcity, town Mt. Rainier vicinity of congressional district 5state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u>X</u> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u>X</u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u>X</u> no	<u> </u> military <u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Edward and Minnie Shapiro, c/o Theodore M. Kahn

street & number 5525 Illinois Avenue, N.W. telephone no.:

city, town Washington state and zip code D.C. 20011

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 2025street & number Main Street folio 427city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1981 federal state X county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, M-NCPPC, CAB, Rm. 4010

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

7. Description

Survey No. P.G.#68-13-2

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

4001-4003 34th Street is one story, two bay yellow brick, commercial building with a slightly wedge-shaped plan. (See Slide #35). The plan of the building is a result of the irregularity of this corner lot, which is wider to the west at 34th Street than it is to the east toward 34th Place. As a part of the original Mt. Rainier Subdivision of 1903, the lot conform to the existing position of Bunker Hill Road. As the building remains parallel to Bunker Hill Road from west to east, the south facade runs slightly to the northeast at the rear (east) end of the lot.

The irregularity of the lot is reflected in building's exterior organization and its interior spaces. The west (34th Street) facade is divided into two bays of unequal size, each containing a storefront. The larger of the two stores, 4001 34th Street has its entrance on the building's southwest corner which is mitred to face the center of the intersection of 34th Street and Bunker Hill Road. A single shop window at 4001 faces west on the 34th Street facade. The interior partition defining 4001 on the north is parallel to the buildings south facade, creating a rectangular shop space. As a result, the considerably smaller space remaining for 4003 is quite narrow and nearly triangular.

A modern sliding casement window occupies what is probably not an original opening on the south facade of 4001 near its corner entry. To the east on this facade is what appears to be an earlier or possibly original window placed slightly higher. The entry door of 4001 is modern and aluminum clad. Framing the entry door on the west facade is another sliding casement window also probably in a non-original opening. Above the west facade and entry of 4001 are modern back-light signs. The shop window (with its multi-paned transom) and interior door of 4003 appear to be original. An exterior storm door and fixed awning above the entry are modern additions. The building is surmounted by a horizontal parapet capped with a narrow molded cornice concealing a shed roof.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1927

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

CONTRIBUTING

4001-4003 34th Street (Block 1, Lot 1, Mt. Rainier) is a modest example of storefront construction of the 1920's and 1930's. The facades are virtually unadorned and although the windows and doors of the corner unit (4001) have been unsympathetically modernized, the building's general form continues to contribute to the streetscape. When considered together with its immediate neighbors and similar structures elsewhere in the downtown area, this building can be well placed within the context of Mt. Rainier's early 20th century commercial development.

The present building appears to have been the original improvement at this location. William W. and Helen L. BonDurant had owned the site since 1908 and sold it unimproved to John and Eva Perry in 1922.¹ The present building was constructed by 1928, when the property's assessment reflects a new improvement valued at \$4,000.²

The building's earliest tenant appears to have been the Sanitary Grocery Company who occupied 4001 (then known as 3701) from 1928 to about 1930.³ The current tenant of 4001 is Capitol Heights Antiques, a furniture restoration and upholstery shop. For the last six years Ferro's Barber Shop has occupied 4003 34th Street.

Notes

1 Prince George's County Land Records, 48:94, 175:269.

2 Prince George's County Assessment Records, E.D. 17, 1927-1930, p. 251.

3 Polk's Washington Suburban Directory, 1927-1928, 1930-1931.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See notes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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